

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of Magnuson (US 2,707,418); claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Magnuson, Kume (US 6,243,540) or Moore (US 3,828,991); and claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Japanese Reference No. 11-236909. In response, Applicants submitted an Amendment on August 2, 2006. Claims 8-9 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claims 10 and 12 were amended to depend from claim 11, amended in independent form. Claims 13 and 14 were also amended in independent form. As indicated in the Office Action on page 5, claims 11 and 13-14 are considered allowable in independent form.

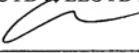
Applicants then received the Advisory Action dated August 8, 2006. The Advisory Action indicated that the Applicants' previously-submitted amendments were not entered as new issues had been alleged. More specifically, the Patent Office alleged improper antecedent. See, Advisory Action, page 2. In response, Applicants have amended the presently pending claims as previously provided, and thus, believe that the newly alleged issues have been addressed. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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